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New Preservation Training Slide Show Is Now Available from the Library

"Handling Books in General Collections," a 10-minute, slide-tape show designed for staff training in general (nonrare) book collections, has recently been produced by the Library's National Preservation Program Office. The show was first screened as part of a conference in April on "Library Preservation: Implementing Programs," held in St. Louis, Mo., under the joint sponsorship of the National Preservation Program Office and the Preservation Section of the Resources and Technical Services Division of the American Library Association. It covers appropriate shelving for ordinary and oversize books and appropriate techniques for the removal and replacement of books on the shelves. In addition, it describes correct methods for the transport, general handling, and photocopying of books.

The show consists of 82 slides in one 35mm slide carousel and one inaudibly pulsed cassette tape. For best results the show should be presented on a synchronized tape player connected to a carousel slide projector with automatic focus.

Three copies of "Handling Books in General Collections" have been added to the Audiovisual Loan Program of the National Preservation Program Office and may be borrowed under the terms of that program. Persons interested in scheduling and shipping information should contact the Library of Congress, Preservation Office, National Preservation Program Office, Audiovisual Loan Program, Washington, D.C. 20540, tel. (202) 287-5213.

The National Preservation Program Office is also preparing a two-part presentation on preservation planning and a companion show to "Handling Books in General Collections" that focuses on the handling of rare materials.

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Asian Studies, Latin American Groups Meet at the Library

A number of library-related committees met in conjunction with the recent convention of the **Association of Asian Studies** (AAS) in Washington, D.C. The Committee on South Asia Libraries and Documentation (CONSALD), chaired by Tina Lesnik of Columbia University, met at the Library on March 22 for a full day. A subcommittee of the association's South Asia Council, CONSALD's agenda concerned chiefly the Foreign Currencies Acquisition Program for the purchase and distribution of a wide range of materials from South Asia, and the consequences of the probability that participants will soon have to pay dollars for their participation in this program. A special guest was Deepak Mehta, head of acquisitions in the Library of Congress field office in New Delhi, India, who described the office's acquisitions operations. Special thanks were accorded Maureen Patterson, who plans to retire as bibliographer for South Asia from the University of Chicago in September after 25 years of distinguished service. The Library's Overseas Operations Division served as host for the meeting.

On March 26, the Library's Asian Division was host at an all-day meeting of the Advisory Committee on the *Bibliography of Asian Studies,* a committee responsible to the AAS Board of Directors. Chaired by Louis Jacob of the Asian Division, this committee was concerned with the many problems associated with converting the bibliography into a computer-produced publication. Present as a consultant was Eileen Mackesy, director of bibliographic programs for the Modern Language Association.

The South Asia Microform Project, a special project managed by the Center for Research Libraries, and of which the Library of Congress is one of 24 members, also met during the conference. Chaired by Richard Martin of the University of Virginia, this meeting, like the CONSALD meeting, had representatives from libraries across the United States. The reporting officer from CRL headquarters was Cecelia Shores. [*Louis A. Jacob*]

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The **Inter-American Council of Washington,** under the sponsorship of the Library's Hispanic Division, held its annual symposium in the Mumford Room on June 4. The symposium dealt with "The Latin American Debt Crisis" and was moderated by the association's president, Cynthia McClintock, George Washington University. The participants were Gay Hoar, Latin American Division, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Richard Feinberg, Overseas Development Council; Luis Orsi, Inter-American Development Bank; and Alfredo Chiaradia, economic affairs officer of the Embassy of Argentina. Approximately 50 persons attended the symposium.

The new officers of the Inter-American Council for the 1984–85 academic year are Thomas Dodd of Georgetown University, president; Alison Raphael, editor of the *Latin American Index,* vice president; Sally Chapdelaine, Washington representative for Southern Cone Publishing, secretary; and Beatrice Meyerson, who has been elected treasurer. The Inter-American Council, founded in 1951, is a group of academic and Government specialists in Latin American affairs who meet on a monthly basis to discuss topics of interest to the membership. [*Georgette M. Dorn*]

Library of Congress Publications

New Publications

United States-German Relations: Past and Present. ISBN 0-8444-0446-2. Washington, D.C., 1984. (iii, 25 p.) Three essays by Willard Allen Fletcher, Stephen F. Szabo, and Stanley R. Sloan presented at a June 3, 1983, symposium at the Library of Congress marking the 300th anniversary of German settlement in the United States. Available free upon request from the Library of Congress, European Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

William Carlos Williams: "The Happy Genius of the Household." ISBN 0-8444-0451-9. Washington, D.C., 1984. (32 p.) A centennial lecture presented by Reed Whittemore, 1964–65 consultant in poetry, at the Library of Congress on November 1, 1983. Free upon request from the Library of Congress, Central Services Division.

STAFF NEWS

Carolina M. Kraft Dies

Carolina M. Kraft, who was a Library of Congress employee for 16 years before her retirement in November of 1983, died on May 2 after a long illness.

Mrs. Kraft joined the Preliminary Cataloging Section of the Descriptive Cataloging Division in 1967 as a searcher/cataloger. A native of the Ukraine, Mrs. Kraft previously had lived and worked in Frankfort, Federal Republic of Germany; Caracas and Maracaibo, Venezuela; and Los Angeles, Calif. She was promoted in 1968 to the position of cataloger in the Romance Languages Section of Descriptive Cataloging. Although she remained in that section until her retirement, Mrs. Kraft over the years increased the level of her responsibilities and the scope of her assignments, cataloging in Spanish, Portuguese, and French. She became known for her willingness to assist her coworkers in use of the Russian and German languages, in which she was also fluent.

Mrs. Kraft, who lived in Arlington, Va., is survived by her daughter, Susan Lowery of Harrisonburg, Va., two grandchildren, and relatives in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Philip B. Kline Retires
Staff Member for Over 34 Years

Philip B. Kline, head of the Special Services Section in the Photoduplication Service, retired on March 2 after 36 years of Federal service, all but two of them with the Library of Congress.

Current and former coworkers honored Mr. Kline and his wife, Mae, at a retirement reception in the Whittall Pavilion on March 1. Associate Librarian for Management Glen A. Zimmerman presented him with a Meritorious Service Award. On behalf of his colleagues, Norman J. Shaffer, chief of the Photoduplication Service, presented Mr. Kline with a gift.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Kline graduated from Berryville High School. He joined the Library staff in December 1947 as a deck attendant in the former Stack and Reader Division. He served with the U.S. Army for two years beginning in March 1951.

Returning to the Library, Mr. Kline held increasingly responsible positions, including library assistant in the Microform Section of the Rare Book Division, central desk assistant and searcher in the Stack and Reader Division, and accessioner in the Serial Record Division before joining the Photoduplication Service as a searcher in September 1960. In the Photoduplication Service, Mr. Kline was promoted to positions of senior searcher, reviewer-searcher, assistant business office manager, and supervisor of the Projects and Reports Unit. He received his promotion to head of the Special Services Section in October 1970.

The Klines will continue to reside in Washington, D.C., although they plan to travel extensively.

Four Staffers in Processing Earn 25-Year Service Award Pins

In a ceremony in her office on April 23, Henriette D. Avram, Assistant Librarian for Processing Services, presented Federal Service Award pins to Lloyd F. Gedra, Leonard Hodges, Nijole Shutterly, and Anatol Surak. Also participating in the award ceremony were Lucia Rather, director for cataloging; Mary Kay Pietris and Myrl Powell, chief and assistant chief of the Subject Cataloging Division; Eric Kovacic, head of the Humanities I Section, Subject Cataloging Division; Robert McCollum, head of the Physical Sciences Cataloging Section, Subject Cataloging Divison; and Peter Bridge and Imre Jarmy, chief and assistant chief of the Exchange and Gift Division.

Lloyd F. Gedra

Lloyd Gedra, a humanities cataloger in the Subject Cataloging Division, is an accomplished linguist, commanding a knowledge of, among other languages, Russian, German, Hungarian, Finnish, and Estonian. Before coming to the Library of Congress, he served with the U.S. Army as a translator and interpreter.

Mr. Gedra joined the Library's Cyrillic Bibliographic Project in 1963 and later succeeded to the position of assistant chief and editor of the *Monthly Index of Russian Accessions* in the Cyrillic Section of the Aerospace Technology Division. He transferred to the Subject Cataloging Division in 1969 as a specialist in technology and military and naval sciences. In 1973, he was reassigned to the Humanities I Section where his linguistic skills were more fully utilized. He continues to pursue his Finno-Ugrian studies. Mr. Gedra is also a classical pianist and performed in the Processing Services Musicale in May.

Leonard Hodges

Leonard Hodges, assistant head of the Federal Documents Section of the Exchange and Gift Division, came to the Library of Congress after serving for six

years with the U.S. Air Force and for three years with St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C. He worked in the Exchange and Gift Division as assistant head of the Receiving and Routing Section from 1968 until 1971. After completing his undergraduate degree, Mr. Hodges became the supervisor of the Acquisition and Classification Section of the Government Printing Office library in 1974. In 1977, he returned to the Library of Congress as a Federal documents librarian, becoming assistant head in 1979.

A native of Goldsboro, N.C., Mr. Hodges received a bachelor of arts degree in history from Bowie State College, Bowie, Md. He also completed a year of graduate work at Bowie State and has taken graduate library science courses at Catholic University and the USDA Graduate School in Washington, D.C. Mr. Hodges is the head elder of the Capitol Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church and the father of two children in college.

Nijole Shutterly

Nijole Shutterly, head of the European Exchange Section of the Exchange and Gift Division, was born in Kaunas, Lithuania, and studied in Ravensburg, Germany. She came to the Library of Congress in 1959 as a typist in the Union Catalog Division. She later joined the East European Accessions Index Project in the Exchange and Gift Division and became an East European exchange specialist in 1964. In 1967, she was promoted to assistant head of the European Exchange Section and was named to her present position as head of the section in 1969.

Ms. Shutterly's language skills include knowledge of German, French, Polish, Czech, and Russian in addition to her native Lithuanian. She received a Meritorious Service Award and a cash award in 1962 for her superior performance. A member of the American Library Association, Ms. Shutterly is also active in the Washington area Lithuanian community.

Anatol Surak

Anatol Surak is a science and technology cataloger in the Subject Cataloging Division. A native of Poland, Mr. Surak earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Rutgers University. After working several years in private industry, Mr. Surak joined the Library's Air Information Division in 1958. From 1963 until 1969, he served as a unit supervisor in the Aerospace Technology Division and then moved to the Subject Cataloging Division as a technology cataloger in 1970. Mr. Surak's knowledge of Russian, Polish, Belorussian, and German have been valuable assets in his Library career.

Mr. Surak is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the IEEE Computer Society. He holds a certificate in computer programming and systems. He also has been a Boy Scout leader for the past 14 years.

Henriette Avram, Lloyd Gedra, Anatol Surak, Nijole Shutterly, and Leonard Hodges.

Sherlock Searcher, Bringin' 'em Back Alive

Well, that's his mission in life, anyway. He's having a hard time of it though, with those titles listed here, repeatedly requested by readers but missing from their lairs on the shelves and leaving no trail through the Central Charge File. If you've seen their tracks anywhere in your neck of the woods, please stop by Sherlock's bush camp in Alcove 7, Main Reading Room, or you can leave a message with his bearers on ext. 77427, Collections Management Division. Sherlock appreciates all assistance in keeping our collections under control.

- *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry.* Vol. 34. 1964. RA790.A1A5
- *Bibliografia Nacional de Educacion, 1959–1969.* Vol. 2. Havana, 1977. LA486.B47
- *Demography India.* Vols. 7 & 8. 1978 & 1979. HB848.D46
- *Educational Gerontology.* Vol. 1. 1976. LC5201.E353
- Goffman, Erving
  Asylums: Essays on the Social Situation of Mental Patients and Other Inmates. 1961. RC439.G58
- *International Security.* Vol. 4. 1979–80. JX1901.I67
- Nahigian, J. Victor
  Computer Games for Businesses, Schools, and Homes. 1979. GV1469.2.N33
- Parker, Edmund K.
  Secrets of Chinese Karate. 1963. GV476.P3
- Van Der Slik, Jack R.
  Black Conflict with White America. 1970. E185.61.V3
- *Viet Nam: The Alternatives for American Policy.* Vol. 1. No. 2. 1965. LD6098.A37

Library Observes Holiday

In accordance with the provisions of the law, the Library of Congress will observe Wednesday, July 4, as a holiday. All offices and reading rooms will be closed that day.

The exhibition halls in the Library's Thomas Jefferson and James Madison Buildings will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4.

WRA Sponsors Photography Class

WRA is sponsoring a class for beginning and amateur photographers scheduled for 10 weeks beginning on July 11. Classes will be held every Wednesday from 1 to 1:30 p.m. in room LJ C113 (Jefferson Building). There is no charge for this course.

The instructor for the class is Jeff Lubin, a portrait photographer and copyright examiner in the Examining Division. Mr. Lubin's work was recently exhibited for two months at the Chesapeake Bagel Bakery on Capitol Hill. He is a member of the Professional Photographers of America, the Professional Photographers of Maryland, and the Mid-Atlantic Professional Photographers Association. He holds certificates from area colleges and photographic schools and has won awards in local and state professional print competitions.

Class size will be limited to 13 students because of space limitations. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. The purpose of the class is to learn fundamentals of photography, lighting, film, and composition. A 35mm camera would be useful but is not mandatory. Those who wish to register for the class should come to the WRA store, room LJ G100, on June 27 between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p.m.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Debra Graham, deck attendant (trainee), GS-3, Ser, G107A; Charles Hanrahan, specialist in agricultural policy, GS-16, CRS ENR, 30833.

Temporary Appointments: Leslie Arthur, foreign affairs analyst, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Lafayette Barnes, foreign affairs analyst, GS-7, CRS F, NP; Melissa Betcher, staff assistant to the director, GS-9, Plan & Dev, NP; Kevin Christian, clerical assistant, GS-3, Publ, NP; Margaret Didden, library technician, GS-4, CIP, NP; Brian Dobrin, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G114C; Jeanne-Marie Etkins, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS SPR, NP; Stephen Gilbert, library aid, GS-3, Ser Rec, NP; Rebecca Himmelhock, analyst in aerospace and energy systems, GS-5, CRS SPR, NP; Mary Hofmann, reference assistant, GS-4, CRS ENR, NP; Robert Moore, economist, GS-7, CRS E, NP; David Price, clerk, GS-2, Cop Inf & Ref, NP; Annamaria Seleny, analyst in agricultural policy, GS-7, CRS ENR, NP; Charles Stewart, analyst in American national government, GS-5, CRS Gov, NP; Eric Wayne, expert, NG, Subj Cat, NP; Kathryn Wilcox, library aid, GS-3, Ser Rec, NP; Jacqueline Williams, library aid, GS-1, GRR, NP.

Temporary Reappointments: Kathleen Dell, acquisitions assistant, GS-6, CRS L, NP; Yuri Gawdiak, data collection aid, GS-4, ASO, NP; Alan Gevinson, pictorial library technician, GT-5, P&P, NP; Danny Harris, graduate assistant, GS-7, Loan, NP; Donita Johnson, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Peter Leibold, clerk-messenger, GS-4, CRS C, NP; Heather McKinney, library aid, GS-3, Desc Cat, NP; Justin Whittington, analyst in American national government, GS-5, CRS Gov, NP; Dottie Wilkes, clerk, GS-2, Bldgs, NP.

Promotions: Oteria Bell, to supervisor, searching unit, GS-10, Cat Mgmt, 40160; E. James Caskey, Jr., to procurement officer, GS-12, P&S, 30829; Gwendolyn Senn, FMO, to correspondence clerk, GS-4, Cop Exam, 40095; Norman Weberg, to research chemist, GT-9, Preserv, 40147.

Resignations: Tanis Cherry, Ser Rec; Lisa Claypool, E&G; Cynthia Cook, P&S; Stephen Engel, Ser Rec; Louisiana Jones, CMP; Elaine Larson, CIP; Robert Malishenko, M/B/RS; Geoffrey Mott, LL AB; Steve Reinemer, CMD; Kay Rodgers, Cop Inf & Ref; Ann Teitelbaum, Cop Inf & Ref; Daniel Toomer, M/B/RS; Karen Vaughn, Subj Cat; Elizabeth Voorhies, CDS; Connie Wilson, Photodup; George Zmudka, ASO.

Staff Activities

Peter Bartis, folklife researcher on the staff of the American Folklife Center, has been appointed to the American Folklore Society Centennial Coordinating Council's Committee on Federal Agencies. The committee will discuss, coordinate, and encourage projects by Federal agencies to mark the American Folklore Society's centennial celebration in 1988. In addition to these events, the centennial will offer an opportunity to review one hundred years of organized folklore scholarship in the United States and to explore possible new directions for scholarship during the next century.

Enikő Molnár Basa, cataloging editor in the Catalog Management and Publication Division, chaired the session on "Hungarian Literature in 1984" at the ninth annual conference of the American Hungarian Educator's Association in Columbus, Ohio. The panel examined recent trends in Hungary and in Hungarian literature abroad, notably in Czechoslovakia, Romania, and Canada. Dr. Basa also participated in the formation of the Hungarian American Librarians' Organization as an affiliate of the American Hungarian Educators' Associations.

Dr. Basa's essay, "Censorship in Hungary," was published in the July and October 1983 issues of *Council of National Literatures/Quarterly World Report.* The article focuses on the situation in Hungary as evidenced in both official and semiofficial pronouncements on the role of literary and critical writing in building a socialist state, debates by literary critics, and commentary by Western observers.

Dr. Basa also gave a paper entitled "Presenting Hungarian Literature to the American Public" at the Modern Language Association meeting last December. Prefacing her remarks with a few comments on American literature in Hungary and the reception of Hungarian literature in England and America in past centuries, Dr. Basa concentrated her comments on projects by major American publishers to make critical studies of Hungarian literature available.

Ongoing Publications

Accessions List: Middle East. ISSN 0041-7769. Vol. 21. Annual Index 1983. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director-LOC, American Consulate General, Abdullah Haroon Road, Karachi, Pakistan.

Accessions List: Middle East. ISSN 0041-7769. Vol. 22, No. 2. March/April 1984. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director-LOC, American Consulate General, Abdullah Haroon Road, Karachi, Pakistan.

Accessions List: Southeast Asia. ISSN 0096-2341. Vol. 10, No. 2. March-April 1984. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director-LOC, American Consulate General, Abdullah Haroon Road, Karachi, Pakistan.

Braille Book Review. ISSN 0006-873X. Vol. 53, No. 3. May-June 1984. This bimonthly annotated listing of books added to the Library's national braille collection also reports on free library services for blind and visually handicapped readers, announces books on loan from independent agencies, and lists popular magazines produced in braille. Free upon request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

Library of Congress Subject Headings in Microform. ISSN 0361-5234. December 1982. Subscription to the final 1982 cumulative quarterly is $60 from the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541.

The Musical Mainstream. ISSN 0364-7501. Vol. 8, No. 3. May-June 1984. This bimonthly magazine containing original articles, reprints from national music periodicals, and a list of additions to music collections of interest to blind and physically handicapped musicians is free upon request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

National Union Catalog. (Book form) ISSN 0028-0342. 1982 Annual Cumulation. Parts 9-21. The 1982 book form *National Union Catalog* ceases with this publication. Since January 1983, it has been published in microfiche only. For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $1,450 for the 1982 annual cumulation.

National Union Catalog: Books. (Microfiche ed.) ISSN 0734-7650. February 1984 and March 1984. Published on diazo negative microfiche at a reduction ratio of 48X. This publication features a full record register and four separate cumulative indexes: name, title, subject, and series. The indexes to the 1984 edition will provide access only to those registers issued in 1984. Subscribers must retain the December 1983 indexes for access to those registers. The retrospective *National Union Catalog: Books,* which includes the 1983 registers and the December indexes only, sells for $100 (domestic) and $102.50 (foreign). The 1984 subscription, which includes the 1984 registers and 12 monthly sets of indexes, sells for $350 (domestic) and $375 (foreign). For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service.

News in the Library World

Recent Meetings

New York City was the site of the **Fifth National Online Meeting** on April 10-12. Again this year, the conference was organized and sponsored by Online Review of Learned Information, Inc., under Thomas H. Hogan. Chairing the program was Martha E. Williams of the University of Illinois, who also directed the preparation of the volume of proceedings distributed at the beginning of the conference. Sessions organized in three tracks over the three-day period offered 84 papers and presentations grouped under 23 topics, plus another 60 presentations about new or enhanced services, filed retrieval features, and systems or subsystems grouped in 14 product review sessions.

"Highlights of the Online Database Field—Statistics, Pricing and New Delivery Mechanisms" was the title of Ms. Williams' presentation on the topics of pricing, optical disks, and growth in the information industry. Ms. Williams stated that there are now more than 2,000 publicly available data bases, but that many of them may be short-lived and most are not heavily used. She has found that 80 percent of all data base usage is accounted for by only 25 files. Leading in revenues from online services over the past year was Mead Data, followed by Dialog, BRS, New York Times, SDC, and NLM in that order. Ms. Williams next discussed the issue of pricing in the industry and concluded with a recounting of the advent of optical and video disks onto the scene as storage and distribution media.

The 84 topical papers were grouped under themes that included "Changing Market Patterns in Online," "Research Frontiers and New Technologies," "The International Information Scene," "Managing Online Services," "Indexing and Classifying Data for Online Retrieval," "Designing and Using Full-Text Retrieval," "In Defense of the Intermediary," "Online Public Access Catalogs," and "Online Training—CAI and Workshops."

The use of microcomputers in the information world was the topic of a total of 10 papers presented in three sessions, including "Selecting Equipment and Software for Minis and Micros," "Retrieval Packages for Micros," and "Downloading to Your Micro."

The 60 product review presentations included information about new files, retrieval features, or services from SciSearch, Questel, Dow-Jones, Dialog, Orbit, BRS, Blackwell, Faxon, Information Access, and many others. The above were among the more than 80 firms that had booths in the exhibit pavilion.

"Data Publishing on Optical Disks" was the title of an engaging presentation by Martin Hensel, formerly of Lazer Data, Inc., and now a partner in Hensel and Nelson. Mr. Hensel is of the opinion that video and audio disks, now primarily used as entertainment media, and the developing optical disk are on the verge of becoming information distributive media for electronic publishing and will have a great impact on the information industry. There will be definite winners and losers in the process, with the information producers and users being the winners and the information providers (vendors) and the telecommunications companies, the losers. Entire information files now available only on line or in printed volumes will be distributed to individual users on disks, and only for the very latest information would one need to go on line. Mr. Hensel predicts that the first of these products will appear within the next 12 months.

"The Continuation of Librarians as Intermediaries" was the title of a presentation by Karen Stabler of Tulane University. Ms. Stabler gave an interesting and reassuring analysis of the role of present-day librarians as intermediaries in the online era. Even though vendors and data base producers have encouraged direct use of computer systems by general end users, librarians will continue to be called upon for detailed use of systems and of library collections. With the increasing number of online files and ever increasing systems complexity, well-trained, knowledgeable librarians will continue to play a role in instances of intensive or extensive systems use. This is true because only librarians are formally trained in the systems, continually use them, and have knowledge of library collections to which the systems lead. Furthermore, simplified versions of online searching facilities available to casual users may not be geared to identifying the most relevant information in an efficient manner.

Pre- and postconference all-day seminars were devoted to four topics: Planning for New Technologies in Libraries, Using Business Databases, Online With a Micro$, and Electronic Publishing.

The *Proceedings* of the 1984 National Online Meeting are available for consultation in the Automation and Reference Collections Section of the General Reading Rooms Division, and copies are being processed for the general collections. [*John W. Kimball*]

The semiannual meeting of the **Council of National Library and Information Associations** took place in New York City on May 4. The Z39 Committee on Library Standards of the American National Standards Institute, for which CNLIA has been serving as the secretariat for many years, is becoming independent as the member organizations assume financial responsibility. The best known among the many library and information standards developed over the years is the International Serials Standard Number (ISSN) seen on increasing numbers of serials. John T. Corrigan, Catholic Library Association, was given a scroll of appreciation for his work with Z39 and for many other services to CNLIA.

A Committee on Preservation has been working to encourage sessions and workshops on library materials preservation at national and regional meetings of the various member associations. The Committee on Cooperation has been surveying the associations as to their goals and pressing problems and the possible way they could be of assistance to each other. A preliminary reading of the results seems to show that headquarter's assistance for the smaller organizations especially appears to be a primary desideratum.

The program consisted of a panel discussion on "Continuing Education and Library Associations" by Mildred Lowe, St. Johns University; Jean Currie, Cornell University; James Farrel, New York State director or continuing education; and Terry Miller, Keck & Co. The explosion in information and in library and information technology forces the thoughtful professional to widen his competence in order to stay abreast of developments. A plethora of programs has been developed, but unfortunately of uneven quality, and quality control is difficult to achieve.

David Bender, executive director of the Special Libraries Association, will be succeeded by Robert DeCandido of the New York Public Library as chair of CNLIA. Theodore Wiener, Judaica cataloger in the Library of Congress Subject Cataloging Division, attended as councilor for the Association of Jewish Libraries. [*Theodore Wiener*]

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